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Poet Randy Freisinger to Lead Writer's Journey Seminar February 26

HANCOCK, MI – Michigan Tech humanities professor Randy Freisinger will present a Finlandia University Writer's Journey seminar this Thursday, February 26, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the university's Chapel of St. Matthew, Hancock.

The title of his talk is, "The Straight and Crooked Figure a Poem Makes." He'll combine some discussion of his writing with readings from his published and more recent work.

Freisinger, whose primary literary work is as a poet, has received numerous awards and honors. Eight of his poems have been nominated for the prestigious Pushcart Prize, and his work has appeared in numerous literary magazines and anthologies.

His collection of poems, "Running Patterns," won the 1985 Flume Press National Chapbook Competition. His full-length poetry collection, "Plato's Breath" won the 1996 May Swenson Poetry Prize from Utah State University Press. Freisinger's most recent honor is the 2007 Readers Award in Poetry from *New Letters Magazine*.

In 2008, he was awarded the MTU Distinguished Teaching Award in the associate professor/professor category.

Freisinger is a professor of rhetoric, literature, and creative writing in the Humanities Department at Michigan Technological University. For 12 years he has served as associate editor for *The Laurel Review*, a national literary magazine.

Freisinger was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, and completed undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The Writer's Journey seminar is free and open to the public. For additional information, please contact Suzanne Van Dam, Finlandia assistant professor of English, at 906-487-7515 or suzanne.vandam@finlandia.edu.